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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**INLET/OUTLET WORKS REPAIRS AT PUBLIC WORKS' DAMS
APPROVE AGREEMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that the inlet/outlet works repairs at Public Works' dams to repair gates, valves, and associated mechanical appurtenances are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a four-year agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to perform machine shop and specialized valve repair services for the San Gabriel Dam 84-inch, hollow-jet valve (HJV) and other inlet/outlet works at Public Works' dams as necessary for a not to exceed fee of \$250,000 to be financed with the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Flood Control District budget and establish the effective contract date following your Board's approval.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending your Board find the repair work exempt under CEQA, approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute an agreement with MWD, and establish the effective date following your Board's approval. The agreement will provide for machine shop work, welding and fabrication, coatings, and underwater diving services along with additional unique maintenance shop work and associated services for the HJV and various other inlet/outlet works at Public Works' dams.

The HJV at San Gabriel Dam is currently out of service. The HJV serves as a flood operation and water conservation outlet and was rated as unsatisfactory due to the poor condition of the operating gears and mechanisms, valve seats, interior and exterior coatings, and auxiliary components, which cause the valve to be inoperable. The required repairs for the HJV are beyond Public Works' capability due to the HJV's size and complexity. Due to the need to continue to provide safe and reliable flood control and water conservation operations at San Gabriel Dam, we consider this to be a high priority project.

We are pursuing comprehensive rehabilitation of the inlet/outlet works at San Gabriel Dam and other Public Works' dams through the Flood Control Construction Program. However, time requirements for design as well as the high cost of these projects and anticipated construction budget constraints in future fiscal years may delay implementation. In order to conduct necessary inlet/outlet works replacements and/or rehabilitations in the interim, we recommend entering into an agreement with MWD to refurbish the HJV and, as an option, perform work to refurbish various other inlet/outlet works at Public Works' dams.

MWD is a public agency of the State of California engaged in transporting, storing, and distributing water in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura Counties. MWD has a large distribution network of dams, channels, treatment facilities, and service lines. To maintain its infrastructure, MWD has an extensive machine shop equipped to handle the repair and overhaul of various types and sizes of valves typical of Public Works' dams. MWD is recognized for its expertise in the field of water storage and distribution systems with the technical skills and in-house experience required for such projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Goal of Organizational Effectiveness as these services are not required frequently, and MWD has the expertise, experience, and qualifications to perform the required machine shop and specialized valve repair services. As a result, MWD can provide these services in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Financing for these services is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Flood Control District budget. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

The recommended agreement for this project is for a not to exceed fee of \$250,000.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 31000, your Board may enter into an agreement for special services on behalf of the County with specially trained persons to provide the services described herein, whereas such services are not available internally. The agreement has been reviewed from a legal standpoint and approved as to form by County Counsel. The agreement includes provisions whereby the expenditure of additional funds is subject to authorization of the Director of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (1) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no adverse impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel